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CECA North West: COVID-19

COVID-19: WHAT IS CECA DOING FOR OUR NW MEMBERS?

Welcome to this round up of news from CECA North West. For the time being, it will replace the usual weekly digest, but details of tender opportunities and other industry news will be circulated in due course.

I would like to stress that CECA NW is here to support our members during this difficult time. What follows is a digest of current and planned activity.

But, if you have any queries, an issue you want to raise, or we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Guy Lawson, Director, CECA NW, email: guy.lawson@ceca.co.uk
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Latest briefing, 21 April 2020

Here is CECA's latest briefing for members, which includes:

- Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme - a step by step guide
- Bonds
- CECA Training & Development Update
- Bank Loans & Finance

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CECA-Briefing-Note-Covid-19-CECA-Update-21-April-2020.pdf>

CECA NW contractual webinars with Geraldine Fleming of Driver Trett

Following the two successful webinars that Geraldine has run for us, we will be sending out details of the next in the series. We are also planning a longer NEC4 webinar - in two parts. Further details shortly, but please let us know if there are any topics you would like us to cover.

Availability of materials

I am very grateful to feedback from our materials supply companies, who have provided details of availability of aggregate, readymix concrete and asphalt, as well as quarries that are open. Please let me know if you would like further information.

Contacting the region's MPs

To date, we have had a very positive response from Shadow Transport Secretary, Jim McMahon MP, who is supportive of all the points we raised in our letter to him. If you would like further details or have any queries, please let me know.

Contractor matching for CECA NW members

This new service to help balance workforce/workload capacity between CECA NW members is now live. We are contacting all members to find if they are short of capacity or have spare capacity, and arranging opportunities, where feasible, for CECA NW members to work together. Chris Jackson is the contact for client organisations and directors of major projects in the North West chrisjackson@ceca.co.uk ; Jacqueline Vail is the contact for CECA NW members: jacquelinevail@ceca.co.uk

If you have any queries, or would like to know more, please contact Guy Lawson, guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk tel: 07703 585027

NW Careers: jobs, vacancies and apprenticeships & work experience

The CECA NW section of the website now has a Vacancy Board, plus sections for people seeking apprenticeships & work experience and jobs: <https://www.ceca.co.uk/nw-careers/>

The process is simple - for contractors with vacancies, complete the form and return to Jacqueline Vail, and I will circulate it in the newsletter and on social media. For people seeking apprenticeships, work experience and jobs, again, they should complete the form and return to Jacqueline or me and I will circulate the details without their personal information (to comply with GDPR). You may wish to make your subcontractors, plant operators etc aware of the service too.

Vacancies

We currently have four vacancies with CPUK Civils & Remediation: Quantity Surveyor, Assistant Quantity Surveyor, Contracts Manager and Environmental Engineer - please contact Jacqueline Vail for details: jacquelinevail@ceca.co.uk

Seeking work

We have an experienced NW-based civils Project Manager seeking a new role; a candidate seeking a role in Project Direction or Design; and a PhD in Civil Engineering from University of Manchester looking for work. Please contact Guy Lawson for details: guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk

Seeking apprenticeships

We have a number of individuals seeking apprenticeships:

- A Salford-based graduate seeking an apprenticeship leading up to a QS role, within a 45 minute radius
- A Wigan-based A level students seeking a civil engineering apprenticeship

Please contact Jacqueline Vail for details: jacquelinevail@ceca.co.uk

OBR: coronavirus reference scenario, 14 April 2020

Coronavirus lockdown to deliver large (but hopefully temporary) shock to the economy and public finances:

https://cdn.obr.uk/Coronavirus_reference_scenario_commentary.pdf

CMA: approach to business cooperation in response to COVID-19

The focus of the CMA in the next few months will be to protect UK consumers from the adverse consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic to the greatest extent possible. The CMA is conscious of concerns that competition law enforcement could impede necessary cooperation between businesses to deal with the current crisis and ensure security of supplies of essential products and services.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cma-approach-to-business-cooperation-in-response-to-covid-19/cma-approach-to-business-cooperation-in-response-to-covid-19>

CITB: Leadership and Management fund (250+ employees)

The Leadership and Management Development Fund is a one-year competitive fund. It will enable large construction companies (with more than 250 directly employed staff) to invest in developing the leadership, management or supervisory skills of their staff.

<https://www.citb.co.uk/levy-grants-and-funding/grants-funding/leadership-and-management-development-fund/>

ACAS: Furlough Letter template

A template for an agreement to temporarily send home an employee because there's no work ('furlough'). Free to download and use.

<https://acasnational.createsend1.com/t/r-l-jhkyiky-0aajkkjy-j/>

ICSA: How to hold a virtual board meeting

With the current uncertainty around the impact of Covid-19 and the limitations on travel and face to face meetings, most boards and board committees (as well as many other bodies) will for the foreseeable future have to meet virtually. Please see this good practice guide:

<https://www.icsa.org.uk/knowledge/resources/good-practice-for-virtual-board-and-committee-meetings>

Builders' Merchants

Please find a link to the BMF's website, listing which merchants are remaining open (I suggest you check for updates):

https://www.bmf.org.uk/BMF/Information_Centre/COVID19-bulletins/Is-my-local-builders-merchant-open.aspx

And here are the CLC's guidelines on builders' merchants operating

<https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/news/builders-merchants-branch-operating-guidelines-during-covid-19/>